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To: Delta Stewardship Council Members
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Subject: Upcoming Council Meeting on February 27, 2014

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The upcoming Council meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn Capital Plaza, 300 J Street, Sacramento, CA 95814. The agenda and supporting materials are attached. Some additional handouts may be provided at the meeting.

Among the topics is a discussion of groundwater and its relationship with Delta exports especially in light of drought period surface water allocations that have dropped to zero. A panel, consisting of federal, state, and local officials, will review with the Council the challenges, opportunities, and policy initiatives as outlined in the Delta Plan and the California Water Action Plan as they relate to groundwater management.

Another drought-related panel, the second in a series that started last month, also includes federal, state, and local officials and will inform the Council on how the current drought conditions in California may affect management of the state's water supplies and environmental water flows.

Yet another panel, the third in its series, will examine the proposed emergency response and recovery methods following a flood in the Delta as called for in Chapter 7 of the Delta Plan. The panel, made up of state and federal officials, will discuss with the Council key changes to federal disaster recovery programs, such as funding and insurance issues, that could result in major implications for the Delta in the case of a major disaster such as a levee failure.

As always, time for public comment on these agenda items, as well as any item of relevance to the Council, will be available. If I can answer any questions or provide any information, please contact me at (916) 445-4500 or chris.knopp@deltacouncil.ca.gov.

"Coequal goals" means the two goals of providing a more reliable water supply for California and protecting, restoring, and enhancing the Delta ecosystem. The coequal goals shall be achieved in a manner that protects and enhances the unique cultural, recreational, natural resource, and agricultural values of the Delta as an evolving place."

– CA Water Code §85054